

MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Tuesday May 13, 2008
2:00 PM
Council Chambers
Municipal Building
93 Cottage Street
Bar Harbor, Maine

I. Call to Order at 2:05 PM

Members present: Pat Samuel – Chair, Francine Carraro, Barry Teater, David Towle, James Houghton (Howdy)

Also present were interested resident Karen Baksa and Planning Director Anne Krieg

II. Excused Absences

All members were present. Kren Baksa was introduced to the group as a possible new member.

III. Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

IV. Election of Officers

By motions duly made, the following officers were elected:

Patricia Samuel – Chair

Francine Carraro – Vice Chair

Barry Teater - Secretary

V. Staff Reports

a. American Planning Association Conference

Krieg reviewed her attendance at seminars in economic development for small towns and on street vendors.

b. Economic Development Plan

Krieg reviewed the funding mechanism for the development of an economic development plan. The first year of funding will be for data collection as an understanding of economic conditions and markets, as well as the current provisions for goods and services is not specifically known. The Task Force will be the group that works on this project.

VI. Regular Business

a. Wayfinding Sign Project

i. Review of staff responses to survey

Krieg reviewed the survey as drafted with the task force. The task force

worked with staff to modify the survey for future disposition.

ii. Discussion with Gamble Design

Boyd Gamble reviewed the work completed thus far. There has been a survey of existing sign conditions and some concepts from other communities in order to create a cohesive public signage package for Bar Harbor. A cohesive sign package provides a marketing message for a “branding” of Bar Harbor.

b. Farming Report

This was tabled to the next meeting.

c. Town-Owned Parcel map work for possible economic development opportunities

This was tabled to a future meeting.

VII. There was no Public Comment.

VIII. Matters for Next Meeting will include continuation of current agenda items.

IX. Set Date/Time/Location for Next Meeting

a. Confirm summer schedule – May 27th, June 17th, and July 22nd

X. Adjournment at 3:40 PM

Minutes prepared by Anne Krieg, Planning Director for distribution at the July 22nd Task Force meeting.

Minutes approved:

Barry Teater, Secretary